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In 2006, recognizing the environmental degradation occurring in and along the Los Angeles River, the City of Los Angeles executed an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) to study the Los Angeles River and provide a plan for ecosystem restoration. The Army Corps studied 11 miles of the River between Griffith Park to downtown Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles River watershed was selected as one of only seven nationwide first phase pilots of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, an implementation piece of the “America’s Great Outdoor Initiative”, which aims to stimulate regional and local economies, create local jobs, improve quality of life, and protect America’s health by revitalizing urban waterways in underserved communities across the nation, and the Study was selected as the top priority of Urban Water Federal Partnership in Los Angeles.

In 2013, the Army Corps released the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study and developed a final of four alternatives. Alternative 20 include both

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significant restorations at the Los Angeles River's confluence with the Verdugo Wash near the City's border with the City of Glendale and substantial western bank connection between the Los Angeles State Historic Park.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the President of the United States, the Los Angeles Congressional delegation, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in support of Alternative 20 Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

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